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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 15309

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAID, LA, US, TH
SUBJECT: PL-480 ASSISTANCE TO LAOS

REF: STATE 135954

1. DEPARTMENT IS CORRECT IN INFERRING THAT SHIPMENT OF PL-480 RICE TO LAOS WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH THAILAND. WHILE THAI WILL ACCEPT DESIRABILITY OF US ALLEVIATING HUNGER IN LAOS AND HAS SENT THAI AID FOR THIS PURPOSE ITSELF THE RTG WILL FIND IT HARD TO ACCEPT THAT THE US SHOULD SHIP RICE FROM AMERICA FOR THIS PURPOSE. THIS VIEW WILL BE REINFORCED BY THE FACT THAT US SHIPMENTS OF RICE TO LAOS HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN ARRANGED LOCALLY. AS THE DEPARTMENT AND AID/W WILL RECALL, LARGE QUANTITIES OF RICE IN SUPPORT OF USAID/LAOS WERE PURCHASED FROM THAI WAREHOUSING ORGANIZATION DURING THE YEARS OF THE INDOCHINA WAR. THIS PRECEDENT AND THE FACT THAT SHIPPING RICE TO THAILAND IS REALLY CARRYING COALS TO NEWCASTLE WILL RESULT IN STRONG THAI DISAPPROVAL OF OUR PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT. WE DO NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSI-
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BILITY THAT THE THAI WILL FIND SOME REASON TO REFUSE PERMISSION FOR TRANSSHIPMENT, AND WOULD URGE THAT WE DELAY INFORMING THE LPDR OF OUR PLANS UNTIL WE HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO TEST THE THAI REACTION.

2. WE WOULD ALSO NOTE WITH REGARD TO TIMING, RTG IS ENGAGED IN FINAL STAGES OF NEGOTIATIONS OF TRADE AND

TRANSIT AGREEMENTS WITH FORMIN UPPADIT SCHEDULED TO VISIT
VIENTIANE LATER THIS WEEK FOR SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENTS.
WE SHOULD DEFER ACTION UNTIL HIS RETURN.
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